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RIVERS STATES NIGERIAN TIDE EDITORIAL MARCH 30 ("THIS IS BLACKMAIL") CRITICIZES PRESIDENT FORDS "EXECUTIVE ORDER PLACING NIGERIA AND 12 OTHER MEMBERS OF OPEC ON A TRADE BLACK LIST UNLESS THEY FORMALLY AGREE TO SUPPLY OIL AT REASONABLE PRICES."

TIDE SAYS: "PRESIDENT FORDS ACTION IS A HUGE BLACKMAIL.... COMING ONLY A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE US SECRETARY OF STATES... THREAT TO USE FORCE TO ENSURE THAT AMERICA HAD HER OIL SUPPLY AT REASONABLE PRICES, THERE IS NO OTHER CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN THAN THAT THE MIGHTY UNCLE SAM IS ONCE AGAIN UP TO HER WELL-KNOWN GAME OF THROWING ABOUT HER WEIGHT AND PLAYING THE IGNOBLE ROLE OF BEING THE WORLDS BIG BULLY...

"OIL IS A NATURAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE COUNTRIES OWNING IT AND THE DECISION OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO STABILISE THEIR PRIMORDIAL ECONOMIES WITH THEIR OIL IS A PATRIOTIC ACT WHICH SHOULD BE APPRECIATED BY ANY WELL-MEANING PEOPLE...

"THE TRUTH, OF COURSE, IS THAT FOR CENTURIES AMERICA DEPENDED ON SLAVE LABOR AND TRADE, ON AN ECONOMY BASED PURELY ON THE SUBJUGATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN-INDIANS AND THE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLES OF AFRICA AND ASIA. PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS KISSINGERS ARE MERELY ABOUT TO BE

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PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE AND MARKET ECONOMY....

"THE OPEC COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT SUBMIT TO THIS BLACKMAIL. AMERICA
SHOULD TRY AND RESOLVE HER ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES BY POSITIVE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES, NOT THREATS AND BLACKMAIL."
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